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1. The WOP (Military Border Guard) in Gdynia occupies a building in the Free Port. There is also a WOP sentry post in the Maritime Station (sic). In addition, WOP barracks and a detention post are located in the vicinity of the rice husking plant.
2. During the summer of 1952 construction was begun on 12-meter-high towers along the coast. One such tower has already been completed near the rice husking plant and is being used as a WOP observation post.
3. The UB (Security Police) moved its former office at Kamienna Gora to a building formerly occupied by the Bergen Company on Ul. Portowa in Gdynia. This building was remodeled on the inside and cells for detained persons were built in the cellar and bars were placed on the windows.
4. According to rumors circulating throughout Gdansk (Danzig), Gdynia, and Sopot (Zoppot), there are a great number of political prisoners detained in the UB prison in Gdansk. Among them are former officers, soldiers and sailors. Executions by hanging take place in this prison but no account of them is given to the public.
5. In Oliwa there is a reformatory (Dom Wychowawczy) which is used by the UB for the detention of juvenile suspects who are often school children 10 to 12 years of age. They are detained sometimes for several weeks. Most of them are school children detained pending investigation of charges of spreading witty stories ridiculing the regime, or passing on news obtained from foreign broadcasts. There are some older boys in the reform school who play the part of UB confidants and whose duty it is to watch those who are detained and to report to the UB any conversations that they may overhear. The local population is convinced that the UB encourages its agitators to organize cells of "liberation action" (akcja wyzwolenicza) among the youth in schools in order to obtain material for show trials.

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